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1. In January 1948 Madolny was almost inactive, since all his activities of the previous months had been unsuccessful or had been stopped by the Russians. He felt that this reflected a period of indecision among the Russians, with no one at Karlshorst willing to assume responsibility. Sokolovsky's long absence appeared to stop the entire administrative machine. Madolny believed that the Russians were preparing to make some sort of compromise with the western powers before relations were irrevocably injured.
2. Madolny indicated that the creation of a new party in the Russian Zone was proceeding very slowly and that it would be activated after the CDU problem had been settled.
3. LDP leader Külz was slowly losing Russian favor, according to Madolny, since he had apparently lost all prestige with his party throughout Germany. Although he continued a wholehearted collaborator of the Russians, it was assumed that Dr. Külz would not hold the dominant position in the new party for which he had been originally scheduled.

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